

86TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 112

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 1959

Mr. SIKES submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the international Communist conspiracy has intensified its cold war against the United States and other countries of the free world to such a degree that a state of emergency has arisen which requires new measures to neutralize the political, psychological, economic, and other nonmilitary weapons employed by Communist regimes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That there is hereby established a joint con-
3 gressional committee to be known as the Joint Congressional
4 Committee on Cold War Strategy (hereinafter referred to
5 as the "committee").

6 The committee shall be composed of seven Members of
7 the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and

1 seven Members of the House of Representatives, appointed
2 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 A vacancy in the membership of the committee shall be
4 filled in the same manner as the original selection. The com-
5 mittee shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from
6 among its members, one of whom shall be a Member of the
7 Senate and the other a Member of the House of Representa-
8 tives.

9 It shall be the duty of the committee—

10 (a) To survey and analyze the overall and specific
11 objectives, strategy, and tactics of the international Com-
12 munist conspiracy, and particularly the political, economic,
13 and subversive warfare activities currently and previously
14 waged by Communist regimes, with the view to determining
15 what additional measures must be taken to strengthen the
16 institutions of the countries of the free world, and what
17 additional programs the United States must develop to antici-
18 pate and overcome “cold war” aggression; and further

19 (b) To report, from time to time to the Senate and
20 the House of Representatives, the results and interpretation
21 of its investigations together with such recommendations it
22 deems necessary. Upon request, the committee shall aid
23 the standing committees of the Congress having legislative
24 jurisdiction of any part of programs concerning the defense
25 and security of the United States.

1 The committee, or any subcommittee thereof, shall have
2 power to hold hearings and to sit and act at such places
3 and times within or outside of the United States, its Terri-
4 tories, and possessions, whether the Congress is in session,
5 has recessed, or adjourned, to require by subpoena or other-
6 wise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of
7 such books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths,
8 to take such testimony, and to make such expenditures, as it
9 deems necessary. Subpenas shall be issued under the signa-
10 ture of the chairman or vice chairman of said committee, and
11 shall be served by any person designated by him.

12 The committee shall have power to employ and fix the
13 compensation of such officers, experts, and employees as it
14 the service of the joint committee on its request, without
15 regard to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended. Offi-
16 cers and employees of the Government shall be detailed to
17 the service of the joint committee on its request, without
18 additional compensation, and such officers and employees
19 shall be paid from the appropriation regularly available for
20 their salaries.

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Establishing a Joint Congressional Committee
on Cold War Strategy.

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H. Con. Res. 112 - Joint Committee on Cold War Strategy

Sponsor: Sikes

Purpose: Requirement that new measures be employed to neutralize the political, psychological, economic and other non-military weapons employed by Communist regimes.

Committee composed of:

- a. Seven Senate members appointed by President of Senate
- b. Seven House members appointed by Speaker of House

Committee's duties:

a. To survey and analyze the objectives, strategy and tactics of international Communist conspiracy including subversive warfare activities to,

- 1. determine what steps should be taken to strengthen the institutions of the free world, and
- 2. to develop additional U.S. programs to anticipate and overcome "cold war" aggression.